Customs duty on Petrochemical*

183. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that huge investments of public and financial institutions have gone into establishing projects manufacuring DMT/PTA/MEG/ Paraxylene etc., by public sector undertakings like IPCL and Bongaigaon Refinery Limited etc.;

(b) whether it is a fact that these public sector units have established adequate capacities *to meet* the demand and have accumulated huge stocks of their products because of deep recession in the consuming industries;

(c) whether it is also a fact that customs duty relief on petrochemicals is likely to push these public sector units to the wall and make them sick; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to safeguard the interests of these public sector undertakings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) Public Sector Undertakings such as IPCL and Bongaigaon Refinery Ltd., have established projects for manufacturing DMT, MEG and Paraxylene.

(b) The established capacity of the Public Sector Units is not adequate to meet the demand. Government has no report that recession in certain consuming industries has resulted in any accumulation of stocks of these products.

(c) and (d) While fixing the rates of customs duty on petrochemicals, Government have taken note of all relevant factors including the interests of producing and consumnig industries and the need for rationalising the tariff.

Compensation to LIC Officers

384. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

whether while finalising the proposals for wage revision, a pension scheme etc. for the work force of L.I.C., compensation at least on compassionate grounds will be extended to the small group of about 200 Class I Officers who retired between 1973 and 1983 without any revision of pay and are in dire economic circumstances ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. A3RAR AHMED) : No, Sir. There is no proposal under consideration by Government to provide any compensation for those officers who retired during the period from 1973 to 1983.

Circulation of parallel action plan

185. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that office bearers of the Gazetted Officers' Association, Income Tax Department, West Bengal, have been provided non-assessment charges, if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that a parallel Action Plan was circulated by the All India Federation of Income Tax Gazetted Service Officers* Association and Income Tax Employees Federation as against the Action Plan approved and circulated by the Government calling upon its members .0 work according to their parallel Action Plan and not according to the Action Plan approved by the Government; and

(c) if go, what action has been taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) Officers and staff are posted according to guidelines issued by Government. The election as office-bearer does not necessarily involve a change of posting.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The All India Federation of Income-fax Gazetted Services Associations and Income Tax Employees Federation were directed to withdraw their unauthorised "Parallel Action Plan" and call upon their members to work according to the Action Plan circulated by the Government. All the Chief Commissioners of Income-tax etc. were also asked to bring to the notice of officers and staff the consequences of their failure to work according to the Action Plan of the Government. The "unauthorised Action Plan" was ultimately withdrawn by the two Federations towards the end of February, 1993.

Posting of officials of Income Tax Department Calcutta

186. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that quite a good number of officers and other staff of the Income Tax Department, Calcutta are working in same posts though they are due for transfer; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) what is the number of officers and other staff who are continuing to work in the same place even after promotion to higher posts and what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) The officers and staff in the Income Tax Department at Calcutta are generally being transferred at regular intervals in accordance with the transfer guidelines. However, a few employees have been working in the same posts for administrative reasons and local necessity under the exception clause in the guidelines.

(b) A total of 4 officers and 210 other employees have been retained in the same range/office but with higher responsibilities and different job classification.

भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की दिल्ली शाखा में लिपिक पदों की रिक्तियां

187. श्रीमती कमला सिन्हा : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की दिल्ली शाखा से मार्च, 1994 तक सेवानिवृत्त होने वाले लिपिकों, सिक्का तथा नोट परीक्षकों, टंककों तथा उसी श्रेणी के अन्य कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी है;

(ख) उपरोक्त श्रेणियों के ऐसे कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें इसी अवधि के दौरान पदोन्नत कर दिया जाएगा; और

(ग) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की दिल्ली शाखा द्वारा सेवानिवृत्तियों तथा पदोन्नतियों के बाद होने वाली रिक्तियों को भरने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा. अबरार अहमद) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

World Bank's functioning in India

188. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA ; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. Lewis Preston the President of the World Bank has expressed his extreme dissatisfaction